(e) what other steps Government propose to take to protect the Interests of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (e) The Law Commission in its 105th Report on 'Quality Control and Inspection of Consumer Goods' has recommended the enactment oi a Bill to make provision for the testing of the quality of certain goods in the interest of consumers. According to the Commission, the provisions of the proposed Bill may be made applicable in the first intance to all electrical appliances, the manufacture of which is subject to the provisions of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. This Report was submitted to the Government on .30-10-1984. The Report has been translated into Hindi thereafter and cyclostyled, copies of the Report in Hindi and English have been laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 30-1-1985. Printing of the Report in Hindi and English is in progress. Meanwhile, the cyclostyled copies of the Report have been sent on 16-4-1985 to sixteen Ministries! Departments who are concerned with the implementation of the Report and whose comments/suggestions are awaited.

The question whether the Indian Contract Act calls for amendment or not will be considered by the Government in the light of the comments/ suggestions received from the Ministries/Departments concerned.

Appointment of Managing Director in National Federation of Industrial Co-operatives

872. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Federation of Industrial Cooperatives (N. F. I. C.) is without a Managing Director **for** the last five years; and

Ob) if not, the name of the person who has been appointed as Managing Director and when was he appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE .IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The last Managing Director of the National Federation of Industrial Cooperatives Ltd. relinquished charge in May, 1982 and since then the senior most and experienced officer of the Federation has been acting as the Managing Director. Government is taking all efforts to find a suitable candidate for posting as Managing Director on regular basis.

Output of Crude Oil from Bombay High

873. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

fe) whether it is a fact that the output of crude oil from Bombay High has been declining;

(b) what was the output, year-wise, during the last three years and expected during the current year; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to increase the output from Bombay High?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA); (a) No, Sir-

(b) The details of production of crude oil during the last three years and anticipated production in 1985-86 are as under: —

(In Million Tonnes)

Year	Production
1982-83	12·88
1983-84	17·39
1984-85	20·13
1985-86 (RE)	20·61

(c) Bombay High field is currently producing at its plateau rate of 19-20 million tonnes per annum, which rate is expected to continue during the VII Plan period. Measures like pressure maintenance by water injection are being undertaken to maintain this plateau rate; artificial lift methods will also be resorted to. At a later date enhanced oil recovery projects are also contemplated to prolong production from the field for as long a period as possible.

Delicensing of Industries

874. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD;
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a fresh proposal to delicence 23 industries;

(b) whether it is fact that 25 industries were delicenced previously;

(c) what is the new investment trend after delicensing of industries in different States;

(d) how many proposals were received for approval so far; and

(e) whether it is a fact that there is a recent declining trend in indust- ' rial production?

""THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) There is at present no proposal to delicense any more industries other than 25 broad categories of industries delicensed in March, 1985 and 82 bulk drugs and formulations hased thereon, delicensed in June, 1985.

(c) As the delicensing of these in dustries has been done only recently, it is too early to indicate the new investments likely to be made in these industries.

(d) 909 applications for registra tion 0? industrial undertakings in res pect of delicensed industries have been received till 31-10-1985.

(e) On the basis of index of industrial production indicated by Central Statistical Organisation, rate of growth of 6.2 per cent has been observed during April to August, 1985 over April to August. 1984.

Bharat Earth Movers Limited

875. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be plea-sed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Earth Movers Limited is going to manufacture giant 20-ton trucks and heavy duty deisel engines in collaboration with Japan;

(b) if so, what are the detailg o: its plan of production; and

(c)i what are the other plans and programmes of the company underway at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The company holds a letter of intent and foreign collaboration with M/s. Komatsu Ltd., Japan for manufacture of 24,000 internal combustion engines per annum. The company does not hold any licence for manufacture of trucks.

(c) The company proposes to intrc duce larger models of Earth Moving Equipment to meet requiremehts in the Vllth plan period.

Waiting List £or ^Telephone connections in Andhra Pradesh

876. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications on the waiting list in each District of Andhra Pradesh, for telephone connections at present;

(b) what is the date of priority covered in each District of State where telephone connections have been given; and